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DECISION DISMISSING REQUEST UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(c)(3)

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This is a decision on the request filed on April 27, 2001 to convert provisional application 60/200,114 to a nonprovisional application.

The request is dismissed because it does not comply with all the requirements of 37 CFR 1.53(c)(3) .

A grantable request under 37 CFR 1.53(c)(3) to convert a provisional application to a nonprovisional application must be filed within 12 months of the filing date of the provisional application and must be accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i) and an amendment including at least one claim if no claim is present in the provisional application.

The present request, however, is not accompanied by the fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this decision. This time limit may NOT be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136. The request must be accompanied by the fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(i) .

Any inquiries related to this decision should be directed to Customer Service at (703) 308-1202.

Sincerely,

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